

A. 2. ~~6. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the drying is completed within 5 seconds, in particular within 3 seconds, after the application of the impregnation or coating agent.--~~

B. ~~--7. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, characterized in that the object (1; 5) being processed is conveyed continually in a longitudinal direction, in the course of which it first passes through an application zone in which the coating and/or impregnation agent (22) is applied, and that the object (1; 5) or more specifically its coated or impregnated longitudinal sections are conveyed into a drying zone in which the coated or impregnated surface is irradiated with the infrared radiation.--~~

A. 3. ~~--10. (Amended) Method according to Claim 1, including providing an infrared lamp (11) to dry an object (1; 5) coated or impregnated with a coating agent and/or impregnation agent (22), in particular to dry lacquered wood.--~~

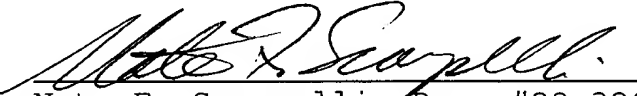
~~--11. (Amended) Method according to Claim 10, wherein the infrared lamp (11) is a halogen lamp.--~~

3.
--12. (Amended) Method according to Claim 10,
wherein the infrared lamp (11) is constructed as a tubular
radiator with an incandescent filament (12) that extends
linearly within a tube (13) that is transparent to radiation,
in particular within a quartz-glass tube.---

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--13. (Amended) Method according to Claim 12,
wherein the infrared lamp (11) is combined with a reflector
element (10) that extends along the tube (13) and in cross
section has a groove-like structure, enclosing back side of
the tube in such a way that the infrared radiation is
intensified by addition of reflected radiation to the
radiation emitted towards the front side.--

REMARKS

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